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1. EMBASSY POL COUNSELOR SAW MFA POLITICAL DEPARTMENT HEAD STEINER SEP 26 AND URGED, IN ACCORD REFTEL A, THAT AUSTRIA MAKE ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION TO CYPRUS DISASTER RELIEF. EMBASSY DEMARCHE DELAYED BECAUSE AMB STENINER, WHO IS RANKING COORDINATOR IN FONOFF FOR AUSTRIAN INTERESTS RE CYPRUS, HAD BEEN HEAVILY INVOLVED EARLIER IN WEEK WITH VISIT OF SYRIAN PRIME MINISTER.

2. STEINER BRIEFLY REVIEWED AUSTRIAN EFFORTS TO DATE, INCLUDING EARLIER CONTRIBUTION EQUIVALENT TO ABOUT 54,000 US DOLLARS (REFTEL B) AND SAID THAT SUBSTANCE OF EMBASSY DEMARCHE WOULD OF COURSE BE PASSED TO CHANCELLOR FOR HIS CONSIDERATION. IN LATTER CONNECTION, HE HELD OUT POSSIBILITY OF AUSTRIA MAKING FURTHER CONTRIBUTION THROUGH INTERNATIONAL CARITAS ORGANIZATION WHICH WORKING ON CYPRUS AND WHICH HEADED BY AUSTRIAN PRIEST BUT CAUTIONED HE WAS NOT IN POSITION TO MAKE ANY FIRM COMMITMENT.

3. STEINER ASKED THAT IN EVALUATING AUSTRIAN REACTION TO UNHCR APPEAL, USG SHOULD KEEP IN MIND THAT AUSTRIA ALREADY FEELS WEIGHT OF RATHER HEAVY BURDEN, FINANCIAL AND OTHERWISE, OF SUPPORTING AUSTRIAN UN PEACE-KEEPING FORCES ON CYPRUS AND IN MIDDLE EAST. HIS POINT WAS THAT AUSTRIA WHILE NOT TRYING TO SHIRK ITS ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITIES FELT CUP MIGHT MORE APPROPRIATELY BE PASSED TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN AS GENEROUS AS AUSTRIA IN PARTICIPATING IN UN PEACE-KEEPING AND REFUGEE RELIEF ACTIVITIES. HUMES

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